

New International Airport in Karnataka

2891 .DR. MAM. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have collected any data of passenger traffic to assess the potential of growth of passenger traffic of international air traffic in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the new international airport in Karnataka is likely to be commissioned;

(d) whether the Airports Authority of India has been drawn any plan for the usage of the existing airport; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFULPATEL): (a) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has collected data on International Passenger Traffic of Bangalore International Airport in the State of Karnataka.

(b) The growth rate of International passenger traffic at Bangalore airport during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 was 42% and 27% respectively. It is forecast that the annual traffic growth upto the year 2011 -12 will be about 25 %.

(c) New International Airport at Devanhalli near Bangalore is likely to be commissioned in April, 2008.

(d) and (e) No, Sir The existing airport at Bangalore belongs to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

Aircrafts maintenance plant at Nagpur

†2892. SHRI DATTAMEHE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the well-known aviation company Boeing has finalized an agreement to establish a plant for maintenance of aircrafts in Nagpur;

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